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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY PANAMA IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PBOR, PN

SUBJECT: INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION

1. DURING MEETING WITH KOZAK ON MAY 6, PANAMANIAN NEGOTIATORS PROPOSED THAT SIXTH SENTENCE IN PENULTIMATE PARAGRAPH OF DRAFT JOINT COMMUNIQUE BE MODIFIED. SENTENCE AS ORIGINALLY DRAFTED READ: "THE RIGHT OF THE UNITED STATES TO MAINTAIN THE NEUTRALITY OF THE CANAL IS NOT INTENDED, NOR SHALL IT BE INTERPRETED, AS A RIGHT OF INTERVENTION IN THE INTERNAL OR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA, AND NO UNITED STATES ACTION SHALL EVER BE DIRECTED AGAINST THE SOVEREIGN INTEGRITY OR POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE OF THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA." PROPOSED CHANGE WAS TO REPLACE "INTERPRETED" WITH "EXERCISED." KOZAK AGREED TO TRANSMIT PROPOSED CHANGE TO WORKING GROUP IN WASHINGTON.

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2. REQUEST YOU ADVISE LOPEZ GUEVARRA THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO MODIFY OUR LANGUAGE AS FOLLOWS, ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE ENTIRE DOCUMENT REMAINS AD REFERENDUM PENDING WHITE HOUSE REVIEW. WE WOULD PROPOSE THAT SENTENCE BE MODIFIED TO READ ,... IS NOT INTENDED TO CONFER A RIGHT OF INTERVENTION IN THE INTERNAL OR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OF

THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA, NOR SHALL IT BE EXERCISED FOR THAT  
PURPOSE, AND NO UNITED STATES ACTION SHALL EVER BE  
DIRECTED...."

3. ALSO REQUEST YOU ADVISE LOPEZ GUEVARRA THAT FOR  
REASONS OF TECHNICAL ACCURACY, THIRD "WHEREAS" CLAUSE  
OF EACH OF PANAMA'S INSTRUMENTS (DOCUMENTS 4 AND 5)  
SHOULD BE MODIFIED TO READ "...GAVE ITS ADVICE AND  
CONSENT TO THE RATIFICATION OF THE ..."

4. PLEASE ADVISE US URGENTLY OF PANAMA'S RESPONSE IN  
ORDER THAT WE MAY MOVE FORWARD WITH WHITE HOUSE  
CLEARANCE PROCESS. VANCE

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